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### **Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training**

#### **Special Meeting Minutes**

Via zoom

**June 24, 2021**

#### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

**Chief Mello** called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 9:01 a.m. on **June 24, 2021**.

Chief Mello took a roll call. The following POST members were present at the zoom meeting: Chief Mello, Colonel Michael Winquist, Colonel Hugh Clements, Maria Deaton and Mr. Shawn Brown. A quorum has been met. Also present were Lieutenant Christopher Zarrella, Donna Lavallee, Stephen Lombardi; Captain Michael Chalek, Major Michael Lima, Ryan Holt.

#### **2. Request for approval from Colonel Michael Winquist, Cranston PD, for two lateral transfer applications.**

Chief Mello stated that this request is for the transfer of Officer Kayleigh Cooper from Johnston PD to the Cranston PD. He has reviewed the documentation and it is complete and in order. She is leaving Johnston in good standing. Mr. Brown asked that in the checklist, it shows the Psychological Report is pending. Is that needed prior to approval? Chief Mello replied that he would suggest approval contingent upon a favorable psychological exam. Colonel Clements concurred with that. Colonel Winquist added that both were tested a week and a half ago and Dr. Gallagher said the results would be in later this week.

Maria Deaton made a motion to approve Kayleigh Cooper's application contingent upon a favorable psychological test; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Colonel Winquist recused himself from the vote. A roll call vote was taken and with all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

The second application from Cranston PD is for Officer Brian Brothers coming from West Warwick to Cranston PD. Chief Mello stated he has reviewed this documentation as well and all is complete and in order and he recommends approval.

Colonel Clements made a motion to approval Officer Brian Brother's application contingent upon a favorable psychological test; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Colonel Winquist recused himself from the vote. A roll call vote was taken and with all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

#### **3. Request from Colonel Bradford Connor, Warwick PD, for one lateral transfer application**

Chief Mello stated that the application for Officer Connor Bemis, from Warren PD to Warwick PD, was received and all is in order. He is recommending approval.

Colonel Winkvist made a motion to approve the lateral transfer of Connor Bemis to Warwick PD; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

**4. Request from Director Baker, University of Rhode Island, for one lateral transfer application**

Chief Mello stated he received a request from Director Baker for the approval of a lateral application for Lieutenant Michael Carreiro from Westerly PD to U.R.I. Once again, all the paperwork and letter of good standing is contained in the file.

Maria Deaton made a motion to approve the Lateral transfer package for Lt. Michael Carreiro; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries

**5. Request from the Town of Barrington for one lateral transfer application**

Chief Mello stated he received a request from the Town of Barrington for the approval of a lateral application for Major Michael Correia from Providence PD to Barrington PD as the new Police Chief. Colonel Winkvist made a motion to approve the Lateral transfer package for Major Michael Correia; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. Colonel Clements recused himself from the vote. A roll call vote was taken and with all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

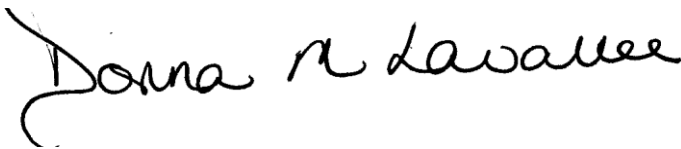
Chief Mello asked that it be documented that the letters of good standing should include not only that they are in good standing but also they are not the subject involved in any investigation. Mr. Brown asked if there should be a window of time and Chief Mello said the POST would re-circle on that and clear it up.

Chief Mello asked Donna Lavalley to send letters out to each department confirming the Lateral transfers.

**6. Adjournment**

Colonel Clement made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 am; Colonel Winkvist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M. Lavalley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donna" being the most prominent part.

Donna M. Lavalley  
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